

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 47 has been cancelled, and claims 27, 28, 30, 31, 40 and 52-54 have been amended. Thus, claims 27-46 and 48-59 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that the word --arrangement-- should be inserted after the word "fulcrum" at line 2 of claim 28, line 2 of claim 31 and line 2 of claim 53. Accordingly, the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Next, at the bottom of page 2 and the top of page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the phrase "said first end" at line 10 of claim 27, line 11 of claim 30 and line 21 of claim 52, lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, in order to obviate this objection, each of claims 27 and 30 has been amended to change "said first end of said support arm" to --a first end of said support arm--, and claim 52 has been amended to change "a first slider to which the head is to be mounted" to --a slider to which the head is to be mounted, said slider being mounted to said flexure at a first end of said support arm--.

Also on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 57 and 58 were objected to for failing to further limit the claims from which they depend. In this regard, the Examiner noted that claims 57 and 58 each recite "wherein said spring member has lower rigidity than said support arm," but that these limitations were already included in their independent claims 54 and 52. Accordingly, the recitation "said spring member having lower rigidity than said support arm" has been removed from each of claims 52 and 54, in order to obviate this objection.


At the bottom of page 3 and at the top of page 4 of the Office Action, claim 47 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 40, and claims 40 and 47 were rejected as being indefinite because the phrases "said slit part of said spring member" lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, claim 47 has been cancelled, and claim 40 has been amended to depend from claim 32, which provides proper antecedent basis for "said slit part of said spring member."

At the bottom of page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 27-39, 41-46 and 48-59 currently contain allowable subject matter, but must be amended to obviate the objections presented in the Office Action. Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and the Examiner's kind indication of allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the application is now clearly in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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